

# Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes – Pending Approval

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Utah Board of Juvenile Justice</b>
<b>Date</b>	Thursday, May 20, 2010
<b>Time</b>	9am – 10:30 a.m.
<b>Location</b>	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., CCJJ Conference Room
<b>Members Present</b>	Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman, Karen Crompton, Patrick Garcia, Maria Garciaz, Princess Gutierrez, Gini Highfield, Max Jackson, Kaisa Kinikini, Spencer Larsen, James Marchel, Judge James Michie, Troy Rawlings, Rachael Skidmore, Russ Van Vleet
<b>Members Excused</b>	Charri Brummer, Adam Cohen, Craig Dearden, Pam Vickrey
<b>Members Absent</b>	
<b>Staff</b>	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen and visitors Steve Jardine, Mike Tanana, Dr. Moises Prospero, Fred Janye, and Mindy Vanderloo
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Welcome and Chair's Report</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Maria Garciaz called the meeting to order and welcomed new members, Princess Gutierrez, Kaisa Kinikini, and Rachael Skidmore.</p> <p>Karen Crompton made the <b>motion</b> to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Judge Michie <b>seconded</b> the motion which <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Other Reports</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p><b>Youth Committee</b> – Spencer Larsen noted that preparations are being made for the DTWT Recognition Week, July 10 – 14, in Washington D.C. Once that is done, focus will then turn to expanding the program by talking to principals and superintendents. The Troubled Youth Conference honored our two DTWT essay winners. Next year it would be beneficial to hand out a flyer or brochure about DTWT to attendees at the Troubled Youth</p> <p><b>DMC Committee</b> – Pat Berckman stated that the POST DMC pilot program ran from May 12 – 18. No word yet on how it went.</p> <p>Cuong added that the new RRI data for this year will be presented today. The next step is assessment, which we hope to have approved in September. DMC has received a request for grant writing training designed for underserved/minority communities. The purpose would be to increase the number of applicants from these communities. A technical assistance request has been sent to OJJDP.</p> <p><b>FACJJ Update</b> – Gini Highfield reported on the May 10 – 12 Spring FACJJ meeting held in Washington D.C. The general atmosphere was one of support and collaboration. The group worked on and approved the third draft of the report to congress and the administrator.</p> <p><b>Site Visits</b> – Pat Berckman visited the Colors of Success program, Reaching One. The program seems to be successful. School attendance is better and the kids are staying out of trouble. The only problem with the program is that the funding runs out in June and the program will not continue past that time. The ideal thing would be to get commitments from the school district to match funding to keep the program going.</p> <p>The second site visit discussed was South Salt Lake's Substance Abuse Prevention, Title II program. Resources have been brought in to sustain the program. The program is run by well-qualified staff and is a great resource for parents. South Salt Lake also has a gang mini-grant, PAL boxing, which also received money from the community to continue providing services.</p>

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>University of Utah Outcomes Measures Report</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Mike Tanana and Mindy Vanderloo discussed the one-year site visits, the 9 steps to teaching behavioral skills, (some programs now use Aggression Replacement Training, ART), SHARP data and the existing- program online surveys.</p> <p>Important things to look for when doing site visits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ask who is in the treatment program. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Find out about the most troubled youth in the program and the least troubled-youth in the program.</li> <li>b. Ask if they in the same group together. There are negative impacts when mixing high-risk youth in the same group as low-risk youth.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Make sure they are targeting youth who can benefit from the program and who already have risk factors.</li> <li>3. See that their curriculum is using behavioral skills (role playing) and that they administer pre and post program surveys.</li> </ol> <p>Mindy noted that the best way to improve behavior is to teach good behavioral skills. Explain the skill, model the skill, and have the kids practice the skill. Give them homework and have them come back and show they can do the skill.</p> <p>Grant programs discussed:</p> <p><b>Connections</b>, in Park City, have now switched their curriculum to ART (Aggression Replacement Training). They could improve their program by improving classroom management skills (developing specific rewards and punishers) and by not having mixed gender groups. They also need to make sure they are referring appropriate youth.</p> <p><b>Choices</b>, a low-risk sexual offender program in Salt Lake, have a new director now, Ron Boyce. The principle issue with this project is that it is based on process, i.e. "what would you like to talk about today?" The therapist should come in and teach skills. Point sheets would work well for them to track group progress.</p> <p><b>South Salt Lake</b>, an after school program, uses a very good curriculum called Too Good for Drugs, Too Good for Violence. Their staff is formally trained. One thing they could do to improve is to refine their use of rewards and punishers.</p> <p><b>Tooele Youth Services</b> needs to improve by finding a better way to separate youth. They will soon receive training in the PSRA (pre screen risk assessment), which is designed to measure criminogenic risk factors. These PSRA's will be administered "on paper" rather than computers.</p> <p>SHARPs data is used to determine where funding sources may be used most effectively. Currently the data is published by region. The Center is currently working to get that information broken down by school district for the 2009 data.</p> <p>Program Surveys – Mike stated that they are working on a system where programs could add their information if not already on the map. If the program is already on the system, they could provide a more detailed picture of who their program targets and what it does.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>2009 DMC Statistics Report</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Cuong Nguyen presented the FY09 RRI Data and four year trends. The FY09 data suggests a similar trend compared to the previous year. There is however a slight improvement on diversion compared to FY08. The disparity between Hispanic and White youth at diversion has come down from 5.4 to 4.9 per 100 referrals statewide. The highest disparity occurred in Utah County at 10.7 per 100 referrals, followed by Salt Lake with 7.0 and 5.7 in Weber County. Newly analyzed data for the last four fiscal years show little or no change in the RRI. Hispanic youth are disproportionately overrepresented at the arrest, referral, and are underrepresented at the diversion point of contact. The DMC Subcommittee is taking on several initiatives to address these issues. These include the community relations training for POST, diversion study, and soon to be arranged assessment study across the juvenile justice system.</p>

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Juvenile Justice Specialist Report</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p><b>Membership Update</b> – Reg presented a letter of intent, written by Morgan Lawson, which is pending acceptance by the Governor. One seat remains to be filled on the Board, a Native American representative.</p> <p><b>Account Balances</b> – The Title II, FY07 account has \$1515.19 remaining, \$14,329.75 remaining on the FY08 and \$3,723 on the FY09. Our FY10 allocation will be slightly more than we’ve received in previous years (\$632,000). The Title V allocation will increase significantly, up to \$84,945. The gang mini-grants and the crime prevention funds have been combined into a gang reduction grant. The RFP has been released for the amount of \$250,000 with an additional \$30,000 going to the University to pay for evaluation of funded projects. The focus is on reentry and intervention for high risk youth. The deadline is June 4.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m., Thursday, July 15, 2010, Utah State Capitol, Senate Bldg., Spruce Room

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